(b) Four Nairs,
One Valan,
One Pillai,
One Christian and
One Muslim.

Petition for opening of new roads, etc., in Kunnamkulam—action on.

33. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a petition, dated 15th Chingam 1109, submitted through the Director of Public Health by Mr. M. Chakko Ipe B. A., retired Headmaster and others in Kunnamkulam, Arthat, Chittanjur and other places requesting—

i. to open a road from the southern extremity of Southern Bazaar in Kunnamkulam to the newly opened road from Arthat to Chittanjur; and

ii. to remove nightsoil trenching ground from within the town limits;

(b) what action has been taken with reference to the aforesaid petition;

(c) whether a copy of the report submitted by the Director of Public Health when torwarding the petition to the Diwan will be printed and placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) i and ii. Yes.

(b) The petitioners were informed that their request cannot be complied with.

(c) A copy of the report is appended. (*Appendix II*)

Rural Reconstruction Committee—work of.

34. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 52 dated 1st August 1933 (Rural Reconstruction Committee) will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee is continuing its work; and if so,

(b) how many meetings of the Committee were held in 1933;

(c) when was the last meeting of the Committee held;

(d) who is the Chairman of the Committee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Only one meeting was held in 1933.

(c) 6th February 1933

(d) Mr. I. Raman Menon, the retired Superintendent of Agriculture, was the President of the Committee.

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(a) Voucher No. 6, dated 26th Medam 1107, for Rs. 8—2—0 and Voucher No. 7, dated 28th Medam 1107, for Rs. 12 towards the cost of a timepiece, two tabl lights and two Dietz lanterns (vide contingent bill, dated 31st Medam 1107).

(b) Voucher No. 12, dated 15th Karkadagam 1107 for Rs. 9—4—0 towards the cost of 6 canvas bags (vide contingent bill, dated 21st Karkadagam 1107).

(c) Voucher No. 15, dated 16th Karkadagam 1107 for Rs. 5-12-0 towards the cost of 10 metal pad-locks (contingent bill, dated 21st Karkadagam 1107).

(d) Voucher No. 19, dated 12th Mithunam 1107 for Rs. 5—13—0 towards the cost of 3 yards of oil cloth (contingent bill, dated 8th Karkadagam 1107).

VIII. Again, the sub-voucher attached to voucher No. 6, dated 26th Meenam 1107, bears ample evidence of the figure Rs. 8 both in figures and words having, been tampered. The correction of the figure, if it were so, should have been attested by the payee.

Office of the Comptroller of Accounts,
Ernakulam,
19th November 1932.
4th Vrischigan 1108.

P. V. SUBRAMANIA AYYAR,
Ag. Comptroller of Accounts.

(True copy)

APPENDIX II.

Report No. P.58/c9, dated 25th February 1933 of the Director of Public Health.

Opening of a new road and shifting of the trenching ground—Kunnamkulam—requests for.

In forwarding herewith the petition, dated 15th Chingam 1109, from Mr. M. Chakko Ipe and others, I have the honour to inform the Diwan that I visited the trenching ground this morning and made a detailed study of the conditions there. The present site of the trenching ground is the most suitable and the least objectionable one that can be thought of. The contention of the petitioners, I regret to say, is frivolous and an out-come of self-interests. It is situated far away from any dwelling sites and is in a sparsely populated area.

Regarding their first request for opening a road, there is no provision in this year's budget for the acquisition of necessary sites nor for metalling the road.

I may also state that there are plenty of roads newly opened in the town of Kunnamkulam on either side of which there are vast and expansive compounds suitable for house construction which are lying unoccupied. A great deal of Government money has been spent during the past several years for the construction and improvement of roads within this town and the department is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the existing roads in proper condition.

The house of the first petitioner, the retired Headmaster, was constructed after the nightsoil trenching ground was started there and the said house itself is about two furlongs away from the trenching ground. The existence of the trenching ground at that distance does in no way cause any inconvenience from a sanitary point of view. The statement that the existence of the ground there is a source of public nuisance to people passing by the Kunnamkulam-Guruvayoor road for worship at the Guruvayoor temple and Arthat Church is not a fact as the ground is not located by that side of the road and lies far to the interior.

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